

**Town of LaCrosse  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
January 10th, 2023**

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**The mayor called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Present:** Councilman Kyle Cheshire, Councilman Sheila Dubberly, Councilman Johnny Ho, Councilman Anthony Kelley, Vice Mayor Barbara Thomas, Town Attorney John Maines, Accountant Choi Choi, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Miller, Mayor Dianne Dubberly, and Town Clerk Crystal Phillips.

**Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting 12-13-22:** Councilman Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Dubberly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Attorney – John Maines:**

Attorney Maines reviewed State of Florida Executive Order Number 23-03.  
(Emergency Management – Illegal Migration)

The Fire Department Personnel Rules establishing a tobacco policy, will continue at the February meeting.

WSPP NW 49<sup>th</sup> Ter Walking Trail Revised Order #2 from John C. Hipp Construction for \$4,418.  
Councilman Dubberly made a motion to approve the revised order to repair the headwall for \$4,418.  
Councilman Cheshire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Attorney Maines asked for update for Microsoft TEAMS. Charles Kelley will start purchasing the equipment and set up the Microsoft TEAMS before February meeting for teleconference capabilities for the future.

Following discussion, and attorney input, pertaining to a formal service agreement with Santa Fe Electric to service the town owned streetlights on SR 121, and that Santa Fe is the current provider as established by previous solicitation, Councilman Kelley made a motion to exempt the bid process and to enter into a formal agreement with Santa Fe Electric to provide maintenance and repair service for the town owned streetlights located on SR 121. Councilman Ho seconded the motion, which carried.

**New Business:**

Staci Bertrand, Duke Energy Foundation, attended the meeting to present the council with the \$20,000 Grant Award to the town, and she also thanked the council for the roadside banners put up in front of the fire station and town hall advertising the grant to the community that read, "THANK YOU DUKE ENERGY FOR THE DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO THE TOWN OF LACROSSE FIRE DEPARTMENT".

The mayor advised the council of the letter from Adrian Hayes-Santos, Chair Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPo), requesting that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the municipalities within Alachua County send letters to Florida Department of Transportation and AMTRAK encouraging reestablishment of passenger rail service to Alachua County. Following discussion

Councilman Kelly made a motion to send a letter supporting the reestablishment of AMTRAK passenger service in Alachua County. Vice Mayor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carries.

**Fire Department Report:**

The call report was submitted for council review.

Following discussion whether to increase the value of the fire station building from \$216,450 as shown on the FMIT Property Schedule to \$500,000, at an annual policy increase of \$955, Councilman Cheshire made a motion to increase the value to \$500,000 at the annual increase of \$955. Vice Mayor Thomas seconded the motion, which carried.

**Continuing Business:**

Charles Kelley contacted Clay Electric for additional street lighting on CR 1493. Clay Electric will send a proposal to install streetlights onto CR 1493.

Woodpecker Trail signage will continue at the February meeting.

**Budget Report:**

Accountant Choi submitted the monthly budget report to the council.

**Reports:**

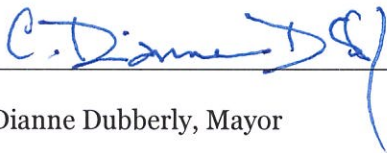
Town Clerk Phillips informs the town council of upcoming election for Seat 3, 4, and 5. Sent the advertisement to Alachua County Today for January 12<sup>th</sup> edition in General Readership. The qualifying week is on January 23<sup>rd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>. Election day will be on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Town Clerk Phillips informs the town council that the mowing contract ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The bids advertisement will be out on Alachua County Today in February newspaper.

Councilman Cheshire made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Vice Mayor Thomas, and which carried.

Councilman Cheshire made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kelley, and which carried.

Time: 7:00pm



C. Dianne Dubberly, Mayor



Crystal Phillips, Town Clerk